



From the Principal's Desk

Miss McMillan, M. Ed., Principal

Wow! Can you believe it? We are rapidly approaching Spring Break! We hope you will enjoy your week off, but we want to encourage all of you to remind your students to read often while they are away. Encourage them to play educational games and have meaningful conversations with you throughout the week. Meaningful conversations with adults build vocabulary. We want them to be sharp when they return, as we will get right to work preparing for State Standardized Testing and completing the year's curriculum.

This year our 3rd – 8th grade students will be taking the AzMerit (state achievement assessment) and the AIMS Science for students in 4th and 8th grades. We are scheduled for these tests to begin on Tuesday, March 29th. Tests will be administered Tuesday through Friday, with a make-up day the following Monday.

Please make every effort to have your children here each day on time. Once testing begins, students may not enter their classrooms until their class has finished testing for the day, and they will have to make up their test. Only 3rd – 8th grade students are tested, but we ask that Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd graders are here on time so there is as little disruption as possible for students who are testing. If you wish to find out more about the new achievement test, please visit the Arizona Department of Education AzMerit website at <http://azmeritportal.org/>.

It is important that you help your students prepare for testing by making sure they have a good night's rest and eat a healthy breakfast each day. Students will be allowed to bring a healthy snack for a break between testing sessions. Great snack ideas include crackers, granola bars, or fresh fruit. Please encourage your child to take the test seriously as these tests inform them, and us, if they are learning what they need to know to continue being a successful student. Teachers have been working diligently all year to prepare your students for these tests, while making sure they are receiving a well-rounded education.

Painted Rock Academy is a traditional school that focuses on providing an environment conducive to academic success. High parental involvement also helps students achieve success. Parents who take an active interest in helping their children succeed are more likely to have well educated children who excel in school. Parents who are involved can more actively monitor the progress of their child. This helps them catch weaknesses and spot strengths, allowing parents to provide additional support to their child's learning. Working together with the school is beneficial to ensure your child's success and that is our goal. Thank you for being a part of the team.

Upcoming Events

Pennies for Patients

Monday, February 29th through Thursday, March 10th Student Council is collecting money for pennies for patients. Please help this good cause.

Student Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 2nd at 3:30 p.m.

PROP Meeting

Thursday, March 3rd at 8:30 a.m. in the Parent Room.

Spirit Day/Morning Assembly

Friday, March 4th at 8:15 a.m.

Spring Fling- "Blast from the Past"

Join us for 50's Bash

Saturday, March 5th, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

7th/8th Grade Field Trip

Tuesday, March 8th

Spring Festival Concert

Thursday, March 10th

KG - 3rd grade: 5:00 - 5:40 p.m., 4th - 8th grade: 6:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Early Release-Staff Development

Friday, March 11th

No School-Spring Break

Monday, March 14th - Friday, March 18th

3rd Grade Field Trip

Tuesday, March 22nd

Report Cards Sent Home

Wednesday, March 23rd

National Junior Honor Society Meeting

Wednesday, March 23rd at 3:30 p.m.

No School-Spring Day Recess

Friday, March 25th

No School-Staff Development

Monday, March 28th

Standardized Testing Week

Tuesday, March 29th – Friday, April 1st

Student Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 30th at 3:30 p.m.

Reid Traditional Schools and

Painted Rock Academy Board Meetings

Thursday, March 31st at 6:00 p.m. School board meetings are open to the public, and parents are welcome to attend.

NEWS & UPDATES

Music Concert Details



When: Thursday, March 10, 2016
5:00pm for pm Kindergarten – 3rd grade
6:00pm for 4th – 8th grade and choir

Concert dress: Navy uniform shirts and khaki uniform bottoms (no jumpers please). Girls may wear navy tights. Dress shoes or nice sneakers (no boots or light up shoes please).

We will begin on time for both performances; please make sure your child is seated in their proper row 10 minutes prior to performance times (Kinder - 3rd: seated at 4:50 p.m., 4th - 8th & choir: seated at 5:50 p.m.)

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Field Day

1st - 8th grade students had a lot of fun on field day. Thanks to Coach Hunt and the amazing parent volunteers for making it possible.



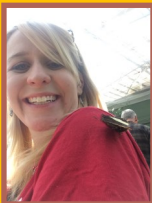
2nd grade field trip

2nd grade went on a field trip to the Wildlife World Zoo & Aquarium. They had a lot of fun and enjoyed the animals and nice weather.



1st grade field trip

1st grade went on a field trip to Butterfly Wonderland. They had a lot of fun.



7th grade made biomes in Science class. They did a great job and worked hard.



6th grade field trip



6th grade went on a field trip to Ballet Arizona to see Sleeping Beauty. They really enjoyed it.





March 2016

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1	2 Student Council Meeting	3 PROP Meeting 8:30 a.m.	4 Spirit Day/ Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m.	5 Spring Fling 11:00 a.m.— 2:00 p.m.
Pennies for Patients						
6	7	8 7 th /8 th grade field trip	9	10 Spring Concert 5:00—5:40 p.m. (KG—3 rd) 6:00—6:30 p.m. (4 th —8 th)	11 Early Release - Staff Development	12
Pennies for Patients						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
No School – Spring Break						
20	21	22 3 rd grade field trip	23 Reports Cards Sent Home NJHS meeting	24	25 No School— Spring Day Recess	26
27	28 No School- Staff Development	29	30	31	April 1	2
Standardized Testing						
			Student Council Meeting	Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.		